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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT MORESBY 0502

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, PP

SUBJ: PNG AND TAIWANESE FISHING VESSELS

REF: A. PORT MORESBY 231, 232 B. STATE 68859

1. PROBLEM OF TAIWANESE FISHING VESSELS VIOLATING PNG WATERS SEEMS TO HAVE BECOME LOST IN PNG BUREAUCRATIC JUNGLE, BUT A RELATED PROBLEM HAS NOW EMERGED.

2. TWO TAIWANESE FISHING VESSELS HAVE RUN AGROUND ON ISLANDS OFF PNG TO THE NORTH. THEY WERE NOT FISHING IN TERRITORIAL WATERS, BUT HAD GONE IN FOR WATER AND SOME REPAIR WORK. DFRT TELLS ME THEY ARE BADLY DAMAGED AND PROBABLY NOT USABLE.

3. CREW OF ONE OF THEM WAS PICKED UP BY UNIDENTIFIED YACHT THOUGHT TO BE JAPANESE OR TAIWANESE. CREW OF OTHER (15 IN NUMBER) IS STRANDED ON SMALL ISLAND, AND GPNG WANTS TAIWANESE VESSEL TO PICK THEM UP.

4. DETAILS FOLLOW. SHIPS ARE "CHYA CHING" OF KAO HSIUNG, TAIWAN, AND "AKKIO" (HOME PORT NOT KNOWN). THEY ARE AGROUND OFF MARON ISLAND, PART OF HERMIT ISLANDS, WEST OF MANUS OFF NORTH COAST. FIFTEEN CREW MEMBERS ARE ON MARON ISLAND.

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5. ACTION REQUESTED: GPNG WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE

IT IF EMBASSY TAIPEI WOULD MAKE KNOWN TO GRC ABOVE FACTS
AND ASK GRC TO INSTRUCT SOME TAIWANESE SHIP IN AREA TO PICK
UP STRANDED SEAMEN. IF THIS CAN BE DONE, GPNG WOULD LIKE
TO KNOW WHEN THE RESCUE VESSEL WILL GO TO MARON ISLAND, AND
ITS NAME, SO THAT PNG PATROL BOATS CAN BE INFORMED.

6. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF REF B I TOLD DFRT THERE WOULD BE
NO PROBLEM IN USG SERVING AS INTERMEDIARY. IF MORE INFOR-
MATION IS REQUIRED, PLEASE ADVISE.
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